



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## Arizona Department of Public Safety Citizens Academy to Start April 16<sup>th</sup>

The Arizona Department of Public Safety is about to start its second Citizens Academy in the Phoenix area. The Citizens Academy is a way for people to learn about law enforcement and the many facets of DPS. The course takes place one night a week for eight weeks from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This next session will be offered in the metro Phoenix area. The session begins on April 16<sup>th</sup> 2008 and runs eight consecutive Wednesday nights until June 4<sup>th</sup> 2008. The curriculum will cover the history of the agency along with statutory requirements and give attendees insight into the day-to-day law enforcement operations at DPS.

Citizens will get to experience some of the training given to Sworn Officers, learn about DNA Testing and the many functions of the State Crime Laboratory. They will also learn how DPS monitors Commercial Vehicles, investigates collisions, conducts criminal investigations, tracks sex offenders and licenses security guards. Those are just some of the areas attendees will learn about while in the Citizen Academy.

Anyone is welcome to attend. There is no registration fee. For information contact either Sgt. Karl Goldsmith at [Kgoldsmith@azdps.gov](mailto:Kgoldsmith@azdps.gov) or Lieutenant Ramon Figueroa at [Pfigueroa@azdps.gov](mailto:Pfigueroa@azdps.gov) Or dial 602-320-7048

“We created the Citizens Academy to give the public a truly first-hand look at how the Arizona Department of Public Safety operates on a day to day basis. Since we’ve been offering these courses, we’ve had a great deal of positive response. People are truly amazed to learn of the many facets of this state agency,” said Roger Vanderpool, Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

\*Mark your calendars. The next Citizens Academy starts April 16<sup>th</sup> and runs through June 4<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited to 25 people.

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